[Mr. K. N. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

(*f*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*c*) of question No. 104. So far as the Government are aware there has been no meeting of the share-holders of the Bank, in this behalf.

(*g*) the Government have no information in the matter.

(2) the Government do not propose to lay on the table, copies of the correspondence asked for.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : As regards part (*f*) of the question it is stated 'the member is referred to the answer to part (*c*) of question No. 104. This is what is stated in answer to question 104 (*c*).

"The appointment by the Bank of its officials is a matter which concerns the share-holders of the Bank which is a Joint Stock Company under the Companies' Regulation, and not the outside public."

In regard to that answer may I know whether it is not within the province of Government to advise the Directorate to do the needful for establishing public confidence in the Bank and for making it useful to the public.

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government* : It has not been accepted by the Government at all that public confidence in the Bank has been impaired by the arrangements made by the Directors.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): It is stated in the answer to part (f) that so far as the Government are aware there has been no meeting of the share-holders of the Bank in this behalf. May I know whether the Government are aware that at Alleppey there was actually a meeting of the share-holders and that the President of the Directorate of the Company declared the meeting as not to be a proper one on the ground that some of the directors did not get notice in time.

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : The member himself says that there was no proper meeting.

State-Aided Bank, Alleppey.

106. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*) : (1) Will the Government be pleased to supply information on the following points concerning the State—Aided Bank of Travancore, Ltd., Alleppey :—

(*a*) the causes that actuated the Government in not confirming Mr. K. C. Pandalai in the managership of the Bank ; and

(*b*) the qualifications of his successor Mr. T. D. Pillai?

(2) (*a*) Are the Government aware of the popular protests against the appointment of Mr. T. D. Pillai ; and

(*b*) if so, what action have they already taken or propose to take in connection with it?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table all the papers relating to the management of the Bank?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*):

(1), (2) and (3) The member is referred to the answer to question No. 104.

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MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether the Government have made any enquiry as to the causes for the removal of Mr. Pandalai and the appointment of Mr. T. D. Pillai in his place?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I have already stated that Mr. Pandalai was not removed from his office.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): When the Directors made the recommendation, did the Government make any enquiry as to the cause of Mr. Pandalai's removal?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The Directors did not recommend Mr. Pandalai for the permanent post of Manager.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Did the Government ask the Directors whether Mr. Pandalai was competent for the post or not?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): It was not necessary, Sir.

State-Aided Bank, Alleppey.

107. MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnathur*): With reference to the State—Aided Bank Ltd.,—Alleppey, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the causes that actuated them in not confirming Mr. K. C. Pandalai as the manager of the Bank;

(*b*) the qualifications of Mr. K. C. Pandalai and of his successor Mr. T. D. Pillai;

(*c*) whether they are aware of the popular protests against the appointment of Mr. T. D. Pillai as the Manager; and

(*d*) if so, whether they intend reconsidering the matter.

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*). The member is referred to the answers to question No. 104 (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) and question No. 105 (*e*).

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